accorded environmental clearance for the Stage-I of the project in January, 1992 subject to certain conditions. One of the major conditions stipulated by MOEF is that the alanct for ash disposal be acquired by NTPC in an undisputed area which should not be good agricultural land and that the area at Yelluru, identified by NTPC should not be used for this purpose.

NTPC has clarified to MOEF that the Yelluru area cannot be considered as disputed as per out verdict and has requested MOEF to consider disposal of ash in Yelluru area as it is the optimal choice for disposal of ash both from environmental and techno-economic considerations. Further, no other undisputed area in the vicinity of the project for a technically feasible system can be located.

(c) The work on the project can start only after investment approval by Government and tying up for all the inputs.

[*Translation*]

Public telephone Connections In Gujarat

7217. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a the number of persons register for public telephone connections in Gujarat distant-wise;

(b) the measures proposed to taken to meet their demand expeditiously;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide telephone facility in border and advasi ares; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI *P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.*

Inclusion of various Hil Stations of Maharashtra on Tourist map of India

7218. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATILJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for Including Matheran Panchgani, Panhala, Chikhalar, Lonawala, Khandala and Mahabaleshwar hill stations of Maharashtra in the tourist map of India have been received by the Union government; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The tourist map produced by the Central Department of Toriusm include these places.

T.V. Relay Centres In Gujarat

7219. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrangements were made to set up T.V. relay centres at Bharuch, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Surat, Mandvi, Songarh, Dang and Balasar districts and Choota Udalpur, Naswandi and Nadod tirbal areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the names of the other areas In the addition to the above, where the caicility of T.V. relay centre was made available;

(c) whether T.V. really centres are functioing properly at these places; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to ensure their proper functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Doordarshan have set up really transmitters at the following places in Gujarat;

1. Ahamdabad
2. Dwarka
3. Rajkot
4. Ahwa
5. Ambaji
6. Amreli
7 Bharabbar
8 Bharuch
9 Bhavna gar
10 Bhuj
11. Chhoita Udaipur
12. Dediapada
13. Dhorajee
14. Dohad
15. Godhra
16. Jamnagar
17. Junagarh
18. Kevadia-Colony
19. Kosamba
20. Mehasanai
21. Navasari
22. Palanpur
23. Patan
24. Porbander
25. Songarh
26. Surat
27. Surendranagar
28. Tharad
29. Vadodra
30. Valsad
31. Veraval
32. Kakrapar

(c) and (d). TV transmitters presently functioning in Gujarat are reported to be providing satisfacfory service within their respective coverage areas. However, there have been instances where TV transmission was effected due to unsatisfacfory power supply at some of the transmitting Centres. Though stand-by diesel generators have been provided at most of the transmitting Centres minor interruption in service occurs each time the source of supply is changed from the mains to the diesel generator and vice-versa. Quality of TV receptions at Dwarka has been affected due to corrosion caused to transmitter compnents and tower by the highly humid air having appreciable salt content in the ares., Pending long term measures, certain short-term measures have been taken to refurbish the transmitter which is at present functioing on reduced power of 1KW. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarhsn to ensure high quality reception and uninterrupted TV service from all the TV transmitters operating in the country including those in Gujarat.